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215 No. Front St.
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OWNER: St. Stephen's P. E. Church.

DATE OF ERECTION: About 1840

ARCHITECT: Stephen Hills, by tradition. He was architect of the first State Capitol Buildings and other local buildings. He returned to England in 1825, but came again to America in 1837 and planned and built the Old Capitol in Missouri. He may have been in Harrisburg between 1840 and 1843.

BUILDER: Unknown.

PRESENT CONDITION: The front part of the building has probably not been much changed except that the Ionic front porch was moved to the south side and veranda erected in the front. The rear parts of the building may be in part older than the front and it is likely that ~~these~~ ^{many} changes have taken place in that part.

NUMBER OF STORIES: Two and a half stories.

MATERIALS OF CONSTRUCTION: Foundations are of stone. Other walls are red brick; Ionic porch, columns, etc., in wood.

ADDITIONAL DATA: The lot, 52½ feet on Front Street and 210 feet on Cranberry Alley, was sold by the Jacob Bucher Estate to Wm. R. DeWitt and others in 1830. In 1832 Wm. Griffiths bought it and sold it for \$2,000.00 in 1840 to Wm. R. Griffiths, who sold it in 1853 with 2½ story brick house to Geo. M. Lauman of Reading for \$10,000.00. In 1856 the property passed to John C. Kunkle, in 1857 to James Worral and in 1858 by Sheriff's Sale to Dr. E. L. Orth. In 1870 his widow sold it to Eliza McCormick. Thence it passed to James McCormick, and thence to James McCormick, Jr., who sold it in 1915 to St. Stephen's Church Corporation for \$25,000.00. (From County Records.)

For some period in the ownership of James McCormick, the place was occupied by Wm. K. Alricks, successor to James McCormick as President of the Dauphin Deposit Bank.

The house has but little historical significance associated with its occupancy. But its architecture is distinctive and well worthy of study.

Julian M. Meacham
District Officer

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